

Amendments to the Specification:

1. Please replace the paragraph starting on page 3 of the Specification as filed (or paragraph 0006 from the published version, US 2006/0010072), with the following rewritten paragraph:

A Browser ID provides the website operator with a wealth of information about the user such as the software being used to browse or surf the Internet. Additionally, the Browser ID includes information about the user's computer operating system, its current version, its Internet browser and the language. Thus, the Browser ID has valuable information for identifying a unique user. The Browser ID may also have more detailed information such as the type of content the user can receive; for example, this lets the website operator know if the user can run applications in FLASH-animation, open a PDF-file, or access a ~~Microsoft~~ MICROSOFT® Excel, or any other spreadsheet document. Yet, Browser IDs from different computers can be similar, as there are so many Internet users and thus many have similar computers with the same capabilities, programs, web browsers, operating systems, and other information. A cookie refers to a piece of information sent from the web server to the user's web browser which is saved on the resident browser software. Cookies might contain specific information such as login or registration information, online 'shopping cart' information, user preferences, etc. But cookies can easily be deleted by the computer's user, by the browser, or "turned off" completely so that the server cannot save information on the browser's software. Thus, cookies alone cannot serve as a unique identifier to thwart an Internet thief.

2. Please replace the first paragraph starting on page 5 of the Specification as filed (or paragraph 0011 from the published version, US 2006/0010072), with the following rewritten paragraph:

The above object and other objects, features, and advantages of the present invention are readily apparent from the following detailed description of the best mode for carrying out the invention ~~when taken in connection with the accompanying chart.~~

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3. Please delete the second paragraph on page 5 of the Specification as filed (or paragraph 0012 from the published version, US 2006/0010072), including the heading "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CHART."